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Letter dated 7 September 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to convey to you the position of the Member States of the Group of 77 and China regarding the request contained in the letter dated 15 July 2010 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea addressed to the Secretary-General (A/65/191) for the addition of an item entitled "Intergovernmental science-policy platform and ecosystem services" to the agenda of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

The Group of 77 and China has deliberated on the matter and decided that the proposal of the Republic of Korea is premature and therefore its inclusion as a new item is not agreeable. However, the Group of 77 and China may consider this issue after the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, which will be held from 18 to 29 October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan, as well as the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, to be held in Nairobi in early 2011, under an existing agenda item as appropriate during the sixty-fifth session.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the General Committee for consideration during their discussion of the request submitted by the Republic of Korea.

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